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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 6, 11, and 12 are independent. Claims 1 and 6 are amended. New claims 11-14 are added.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

In section 6 on pages 3-7, the Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0018665 to Dovin et al. (hereinafter "Dovin"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 1 and 6 recite "displaying status information of a displayed network object on a terminal, the displayed network object corresponding to equipment and having at least one higher-level network object within the hierarchy" (emphasis added). Support in the specification for the subject matter added to claims 1 and 6 can be found in, for example, sections [10] and [18]. The subject matter quoted above relates to displaying data regarding the status of equipment in a telecommunications network.

Applicant respectfully submits that Dovin fails to disclose, teach, or suggest this subject matter. Applicant again notes that Dovin is directly solely to navigation between web pages and retrieval of information identified by a URL, not the display of status information of a network object corresponding to equipment, as recited in claims 1 and 6. See section [0028]. For example, as shown in Figure 5, Dovin merely creates a series of links enabling the user to navigate between web pages and then displays these links in conjunction with the data stored at a

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particular URL. The information displayed by Dovin is in no way related to the status of equipment, as recited in claims 1 and 6.

Accordingly, Dovin fails to disclose, teach, or suggest "displaying status information of a displayed network object on a terminal, the displayed network object corresponding to equipment and having at least one higher-level network object within the hierarchy," as recited in claims 1 and 6.

Claims 2-4 depend from allowable claim 1 and claims 6-9 depend from allowable claim 5. Accordingly, claims 2-4 and 6-9 are allowable based at least on their dependencies.

For at least the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

In section 8 on pages 7-11, the Office Action rejects claims 5 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Dovin in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0132018 to Milic-Frayling et al. (hereinafter "Milic-Frayling"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 5 is allowable based at least on its dependence from claim 1 for the reasons stated above in connection with claim 1. Claim 10 is allowable based at least on its dependence from claim 6 for the reasons stated above in connection with claim 6. Milic-Frayling fails to overcome the deficiencies in Dovin described above, as Milic-Frayling is directed to Internet browser history, not network objects corresponding to equipment.

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For at least the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 5 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 11-14 are added. Support in the specification for the subject matter in claims 11 and 12 can be found in, for example, paragraphs [17] and [18]. Support in the specification for the subject matter in claims 13 and 14 can be found in, for example, paragraph [15].

Applicant respectfully submits that the publications of record fail to disclose, teach, or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 11-14. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 11-14 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

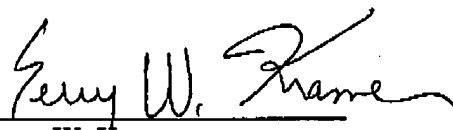
While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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